

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF JULY 14TH, 1926.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor at Annapolis on Wednesday, July 14th, 1926.

Present:

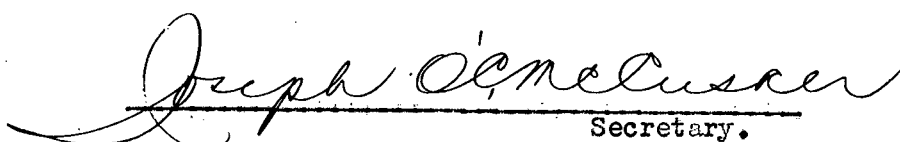
Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
Hon. John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

Adjutant-General Reckord appeared before the Board and stated that he had offered for sale under the Provisions of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1924 the property known as the State Rifle Range at Saunders Range, Anne Arundel County; that he had received three offers for the property; one from a group of men of Anne Arundel County made through Mr. Frank S. Revell of \$65,000, a check for \$5,000 having been tendered at the time of the offer; another from Mr. Ferguson, a real estate broker of Baltimore, for \$65,000, accompanied by a check for \$5,000; and a third from Mr. Ferguson, which in reality superseded his offer of \$65,000, for \$70,000. There was some controversy between General Reckord and the group of Anne Arundel County men, who were present at the meeting, as to the negotiations which were carried on between General Reckord and these gentlemen, these men claiming that they got the impression from General Reckord that the property was virtually sold to them and that all that was necessary was the formal approval of the Board to what transpired between the respective parties. The Board, however, considered that it had before it offers of \$65,000 from the group referred to and \$70,000 from Mr. Ferguson as the agent of undisclosed principals, and after some discussion it was decided to reject all bids received and to offer the property for sale to the general public by inviting proposals for the purchase of the property, the proposals to be received by the Board of Public Works not later than Wednesday, August 11th, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., at which time the proposals would be opened and offers for the property considered, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The Adjutant General and the Secretary to the Board were directed to look after the details of advertising, etc. (see note below)

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Correspondence from Mr. Thomas V. Wedge, Director of Farm and Buildings of Montrose School for Girls, relative to the report of the State Department of Health on the subject of sewerage disposal at the institution, was brought to the Board's attention by the Secretary. The Board declined to take any action in the matter because of the lack of funds to defray the cost of the work recommended by the State Department of Health.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

NOTE: The arrangements mentioned above for the advertising for proposals were withheld and the matter of sale of Saunders Range deferred.